



On November 2, 2018 at 5:37pm, the Tallahassee Police Department responded to “Hot Yoga”, 1950 Thomasville Road in reference to a shooting. Upon arriving on scene officers found multiple people suffering from gunshots wounds. The immediate action of the officers was to ensure there was no other immediate threat to the community, and then they began rendering aid to the victims with our partners, the Tallahassee Fire Department and Leon County EMS.

Since that time, investigators have been diligently working to find answers for our victims, their families, and our community. It is our responsibility to ensure that there were no other related threats to this community or any other community, determine if Mr. Beierle worked alone or if there are other parties that need to be held accountable for this horrific event, and provide information that can assist in preventing similar attacks in the future. During the investigation, investigators conducted dozens of interviews and reviewed the equivalent of thousands of pages of document of Mr. Beierle’s journals, records, and electronic files.

Today, we are prepared to share the information that we have learned during the past three months. There were many partners who assisted in this investigation including the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, & Explosives, and the Florida Department of Law Enforcement.

I will provide you with a timeline of key points in Mr. Beierle’s life leading up to his attack and the conclusions of the investigation. Reports will be posted on talgov.com following this briefing.

This briefing is meant to highlight critical information learned during the investigation and does not represent the entirety of the comprehensive work done by the investigative team.

- During our investigation, it was determined that Beierle had a history of sexual misconduct towards female students that began in grade school.
- On January 30th, 2008, Beierle joined the United States Army.
- On March 6th, 2009, Beierle purchased a .40 caliber Glock handgun from Uncle Sam’s Pawn and Gun located in Lawton, Oklahoma.
- On March 25th, 2009, Beierle purchased a 9mm Glock handgun from Uncle Sam’s Pawn and Gun located in Lawton, Oklahoma.
- During his time in the Army, Beierle was investigated for inappropriate contact with female soldiers and On June 8th, 2010, Beierle was Honorably Discharged from the United States army for “Unacceptable Conduct.”

- On August 29th, 2011, Beierle enrolled at Florida State University and resided in Tallahassee.
- On December 7th, 2012, Beierle was arrested for the offense of Battery by the Florida State University Police Department. Based on the police report, Beierle's arrest had a sexual nexus.
- In 2013, Beierle sold the .40 caliber Glock handgun at the Diamonds and Gold Pawnshop in Tallahassee (now a closed business).
- On May 3rd, 2013, Beierle graduated from Florida State University.
- On July 2nd, 2014, Beierle was arrested by the Florida State University Police Department for the offense of Trespassing. Based on the police report, Beierle's arrest had a sexual nexus.
- On April 25th, 2015, Beierle was employed by Leon County Public Schools as a substitute teacher.
- On January 23rd, 2016, Beierle conducted his first known Google search that combined the term "yoga" and provocative content.
- On March 8th, 2016, Beierle was terminated by Leon County Public Schools. Based on school Internet history records, Beierle was terminated because he sought pornographic material while he worked as a teacher.
- On May 19th, 2016, Beierle conducted his first known Google search for "Tallahassee Hot Yoga."
- On July 16th, 2016, Beierle was arrested by TPD for the offense of Battery. Based on the police reports, Beierle's arrest had a sexual nexus.
- In September 2016, Beierle relocated to Deltona, Florida. Based on interview with Craig Harris, Beierle met Harris on a roommate website.
- On August 17th, 2017, Beierle was employed by Volusia County Public Schools as a substitute teacher.
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- In May and June of 2018, Beierle conducted internet searches related to cheerleading camps, including one in Panama City.

- On June 1st, 2018, Beierle was terminated by Volusia County Public Schools. Based on school records, Beierle was terminated after he touched a female student inappropriately.
- On July 14th, 2018, Beierle conducted his last known Google search that combined the term “yoga” and provocative content.
- On July 23rd, 2018, Beierle purchased the 9mm Glock handgun he used at Hot Yoga Tallahassee, from Central Florida Pawn located in Orange City, Florida.
- On July 30th, 2018, Beierle purchased thirty minutes of range time at the Tallahassee Indoor Shooting Range.
- Based on Beierle’s phone records, he traveled to Panama City Beach after he left the Tallahassee Indoor Shooting Range.
- There were no reports of any other activity by Beierle during his time in Panama City.
- On August 3rd, 2018, Beierle conducted a Google search for a map of Hot Yoga Tallahassee.
- In August 2018, Beierle sent his website to a childhood friend.
- On August 5th, 2018, Based on the content, the friend’s wife submitted a tip about Beierle to the Federal Bureau of Investigation.
- The tips were determined to be “non actionable” by the FBI.
- On August 17th, 2018, Beierle called Hot Yoga Tallahassee. There were no specific recollections of Beierle’s phone call by the staff.
- On October 2nd, 2018, Beierle viewed Hot Yoga Tallahassee’s schedule on their website.
- On October 12th, 2018, Beierle reviewed a Tallahassee news story related to the restoration of electrical power after Hurricane Michael.
- On October 14th, 2018, Beierle booked his hotel room at the Tallahassee Suburban Extended Stay.
- On October 30th, 2018, Beierle sold the 9mm Glock handgun he purchased on March 25th, 2009 to Central Florida Pawn located in Orange City, Florida.
- On October 31st, 2018, Beierle went to the Orange City, Florida Wal-Mart and purchased hearing protection and a yoga mat at approximately 3:00 PM.

- On October 31st, 2018, Beierle went to the Live Oak, Florida Wal-Mart and purchased hearing protection at approximately 7:22 PM.
- On October 31st, 2018, Beierle arrived at the Suburban Extended Stay in Tallahassee at approximately 8:52 PM.
- On November 1st, 2018, Beierle left the Suburban Extended Stay at approximately 9:13 PM.
- On November 1st, 2018, Beierle returned to the Suburban Extended Stay at approximately 9:50 PM.
- On November 2nd, 2018, Beierle left the Suburban Extended Stay at approximately 4:35 PM. Based on the footage, Beierle wore a fanny pack and carried a black bag with him.
- On November 2nd, 2018, Beierle entered Hot Yoga Tallahassee at approximately 5:17 PM.
- Once inside, Beierle paid to attend the 5:30 pm class. He paced outside while waiting for the class to begin.
- Beierle entered the classroom at approximately 5:35 pm. He received directions from the instructor.
- Beierle then retrieved hearing protection from his bag, put them on, and retrieved a handgun from his bag.
- Beierle then shot the two victims that did not survive from behind never giving them the opportunity to confront their attacker or flee.
- As Beierle continued to shoot at the other people inside of the studio, one of the victims struck him with a vacuum cleaner and struggled with Beierle. During this struggle, the weapon malfunctioned giving several people the opportunity to escape.
- One injured victims pretended to be dead and lay on the floor during the struggle. After the shooting stopped, the victim heard Beierle make an unintelligible statement then heard a single gunshot. The victim looked and saw Beierle laying on top of one of the deceased victims. The surviving victim then fled the studio.
- First responders begin to arrive on scene.

Summary and Investigative Findings:

- Based on the facts and circumstances of this investigation, there is Probable Cause to support Beierle committed the offense of Murder pursuant to FSS: 782.04. On November 2nd, 2018, Beierle used a handgun he purchased to shoot and kill victims

- Probable cause was established Beierle committed the offense of Attempted Murder pursuant to FSS: 782.04. On November 2nd, 2018, Beierle used a handgun he purchased to shoot and injure four additional victims
- Based on this investigation, substantial evidence was discovered Beierle pre-planned his attack at Hot Yoga Tallahassee.
 - Beierle was familiar with Tallahassee as he was a resident while he attended Florida State University.
 - Before November 2nd, 2018, Beierle searched the Internet for a map of Hot Yoga Tallahassee and its class schedule.
 - Beierle reviewed the restoration of electrical power to the Tallahassee area two days before he booked his hotel room.
- Significant investigative effort was made to identify the motive(s) for Beierle's senseless actions. Based on this investigation, no evidence was discovered to support Beierle targeted any specific person at Hot Yoga Tallahassee.
- Beierle had history of accessing Yoga related pornography.
- This investigation determined Beierle communicated with a female in 2013 via Facebook Messenger. During the communications, the female referenced she attended yoga classes (in Tallahassee).
 - It was confirmed the female attended Hot Yoga Tallahassee.
 - It was not determined if Beierle knew where the female attended yoga.
 - Beierle's journal had generic entries that may reference the female. Those entries were threatening and derogatory in nature.
- Based on a thorough review of materials authored by Beierle, he expressed disdain towards woman in general.
- Those materials included themes of rape, torture, and murder. None of the materials referenced Hot Yoga Tallahassee.
- Based on discovered evidence, Beierle had a history of misconduct towards females. The conduct began in grade school and continued to his military career. The conduct was repeated while he resided in Tallahassee which culminated with his arrests. While employed in a teaching capacity, Beierle was terminated for continued misconduct with a sexual nexus.

- During the investigation, it was learned that Beierle sought mental health counseling on several occasions, but absent a court order we cannot share the information that was obtained due to privacy laws.
- In addition, Beierle suffered financial related stress as he was unable to maintain employment.
- On February 11th and 12th, 2019, TPD representatives met with family members and provided them with the outcome of the investigation. Victim advocates and a trauma counselor were present at the meeting. Some family members declined the briefing and requested a copy of the report instead.

Based on the investigative work, Scott Beierle was a disturbed individual who harbored hatred towards women. Although there was no specific target at the yoga studio on the night of November 2nd, Scott Beierle's lifetime of misogynistic attitudes caused him to attack a familiar community where he had been arrested several times for his previous violent action towards women.

Similar attacks have occurred around the country, and it is incumbent that we come together to identify preventative strategies to identify people who pose a threat and protect those they would victimize.

I am very proud of the investigative team and their dedicated efforts to answer the difficult questions for the victims, their families, and our community.

Thank you for being here today, and I'll answer a few questions.